

KY EEC DNR

OUR MISSION

TO ENSURE THAT ALL COAL MINERS IN THE COMMONWEALTH ARE PROVIDED WITH SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT; TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO COAL MINER TO FOSTER SAFE WORK PRACTICES; AND TO ENSURE THAT STATUTES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING COAL MINING ARE ENFORCED FAIRLY AND CONSISTENTLY THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH.



Office of Mine Safety and Licensing

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FIRST QUARTER NEWS



*A word from
The Executive Director*

Currently, there are 359 licensed mines in Kentucky; 165 underground mines and 194 surface mines.

These mining companies and the miners working at these mines produce over 113 million tons of coal each year.

Kentucky coal shipped to 18 electrical power plants located across the state provides for 95 % of Kentucky's electrical power needs.

The coal severance tax that comes from the coal you mine is important to many counties across Kentucky.

These mining companies in Kentucky provide jobs to 18,000 miners who depend on these jobs to put food on the table and provide a good lifestyle for their families.

So the contributions the Kentucky miners and Kentucky mining companies make are critical to Kentucky.

I wanted to take this opportunity to say I appreciate the work you do, we don't tell you enough the work you do is very, very important to Kentucky.

Work safe because you are truly Kentucky Coal Industry's most valuable resource.



Mine Safety and Review Commission

On January 19, 2001, Governor Paul E. Patton signed an Executive Order creating the Mine Safety Review Commission in a continued effort to protect coal miners throughout the Commonwealth. Subsequently, HB 258 was filed and enacted into law. In HB 258 the General Assembly declared that the highest priority and concern of the Commonwealth must be the health and safety of the coal industry's most valuable resource, the miner. Furthermore, the General Assembly determined that mine safety can be improved by the imposition and enforcement of sanctions against licensed premises and certified and non-certified personnel whose willful and repeated violations of mine safety laws place miners in imminent danger of serious injury or death.

Therefore, the Mine Safety Review Commission is charged with conducting hearings and issuing orders regarding licensees, coal operations, and other persons involved in the mining of coal in accordance with KRS 351.194. The Kentucky Office of Mine Safety & Licensing file administrative complaints with the MSRC. Hearings are held in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B. The MSRC consists of three members appointed by the Governor, who are subject to consent by the House of Representatives and the Senate. Currently, the members are as follows: William D. Donan, Stephen A. Sanders and Joe Childers. They serve four (4) year terms and may be reappointed. Each of the commissioners must possess the qualifications of a Court of Appeals Judge and are bound by the Judicial Code of Conduct. They are required by statute to complete the forty (40) hour new miner training program provided by OMSL and to visit both underground and surface mining operations. In addition, each of the commissioners is certified by the Kentucky Attorney General's office as an administrative hearing officer and conducts hearings in accordance with KRS Chapter 133.



The Office of Mine Safety and Licensing has a proud history of providing mine rescue services to the Kentucky mining industry for over 30 years. The agency's 12 mine rescue teams practice throughout the year to ensure our teams maintain the skills necessary should Kentucky coal miners need our help. The MINER ACT currently requires mine rescue teams to visit each small underground coal mine (less than 36 employees) twice annually. It also requires mine rescue teams to visit each large underground mine (more than 36 employees) once annually. Pictured are the OMSL mine rescue teams as they comply with these requirements.



Opportunities for You:

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR UNDERGROUND MINE INSPECTORS AND MINE SAFETY ANALYSTS

- Must have a Mine Foreman certificate
- Must have a Mine Inspectors certificate
- <http://personnel.ky.gov/employment/>

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2011 Kentucky Mine Rescue Contest Schedule

April 27-28, 2011

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Prestonsburg

OMSL Mine Rescue Competition (KY State Teams Only)

Contact- Ronnie Drake: 270-824-7523 or Johnny Greene: 502-573-0140

May 13-14, 2011

Lexington, KY

Smokeaters Post 2 Bench Contest (BG-4 and BioPak)

Contact- Jim W. Langley: 606-546-5123

May 25-26, 2011

Madisonville, KY

West Kentucky Mining Institute, Safety Days Mine Rescues, Bench and Preshift

Contact- Polly Wilson: 270-821-4180, ext 1239

June 14-16, 2011

Hazard, KY

Kentucky River Mine Rescue, First Aid, Bench and Preshift

Contact- Craig Hall: 606-233-2117 or Ron Burns: 606-546-5123

July 11-14, 2011

Pikeville, KY

KEMI Mine Safety and Training Competition

Contact- Daven Hoskins: 606-273-7202, Becca Cordon: 859-425-7800, ext 1159

Marlena Hughes: 606-432-0944

July 26-28, 2011

Southeast KY Community & Technical College, Cumberland, KY

Harlan County Safety Day Mine Rescue (2 Day) First Aid, Bench, and Preshift Contest

Contact- Suzie Williams or Tracy Bailey: 606-589-5812

September 8-9, 2011

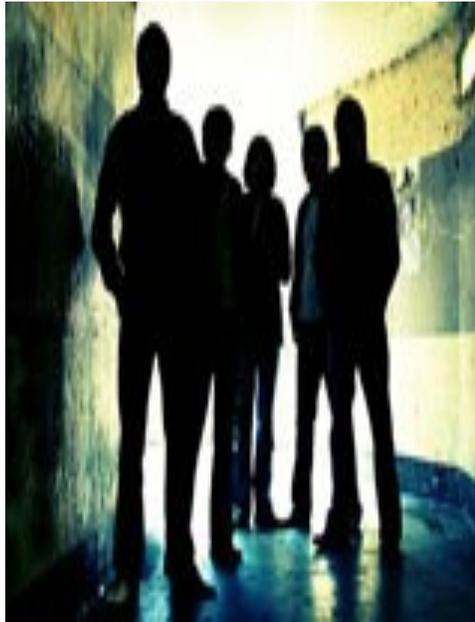
Lexington, Ky

Kentucky State Mine Rescue, Bench, Preshift and MET Contest

Contact- Gueaunita Caylor: 859-257-2820

Fatalities and Serious Injuries First Quarter 2011

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Fatalities



1
**Serious
injury**

To view a full report please go to:
[HTTP://OMSL.KY.GOV/PAGES/KENTUCKYMINEFATALACCIDENTREPORTS.aspx](http://OMSL.KY.GOV/PAGES/KENTUCKYMINEFATALACCIDENTREPORTS.aspx)

Serious Injury:

January 7, 2011

Darrell Caine

Webster County Coal/Dotiki Mine

Madisonville District

Machinery

*Make it a Point to Practice Safe Working Habits. It's Something We
can All Live With.*

New Employees



Billy Allen
Mine Inspector
January 16, 2011
Harlan District



Charles Mitchell
Underground Mine Safety Analyst
March 1, 2011
Harlan District



Rodney Mosley
Mine Inspector
February 1, 2011
Martin District



John Collins
Mine Inspector
January 16, 2011
Martin District

Transfers/Promotions



Brian Jones, Mine Inspector I
Transferred from
Pikeville to Madisonville
March 1, 2011



Freddie Moore
Promoted to Inspector Principal
Martin District
March 1, 2011

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To View OMSL Disciplinary cases before
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